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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (BROCK, MARY LOUISE)

SUBJECT: CORAL SEA VISITOR

1. MRS. MARY LOUISE BROCK OF TOPEKA, KANSAS HAS BEEN DESIGNATED 1977 CORAL SEA VISITOR. SHE WILL BE ARRIVING SYDNEY APRIL 30 AT 0825. SHE WILL LEAVE SYDNEY FOR LOS ANGELES MAY 7 AT 1600. MRS. BROCK WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HER HUSBAND ROBERT L. BROCK.

2. MRS. BROCK IS AN ARTIST AND PHOTOGRAPHER AND HAS HAD SEVERAL ONE-WOMAN ART SHOWS IN KANSAS, OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS. BORN IN 1932, SHE IS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE MULVANE ART CENTER IN TOPEKA. SHE HAS ATTENDED KANSAS UNIVERSITY, COLORADO UNIVERSITY AND WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN TOPEKA. SHE IS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE PI BETA PHI ALUMNAE CLUB.

3. MRS. BROCK IS ACTIVE IN FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS, AND WAS CO-MANAGER OF THE KANSAS CARTER CAMPAIGN.
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HER HUSBAND MANAGES A CHAIN OF HOTELS (HOLIDAY INN) AND IS CHAIRMAN OF THE KANSAS STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE. THE BROCKS HAVE TRAVELLED WIDELY IN EUROPE, ASIA, SOUTH AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY VISITED AUSTRALIA.

4. FOR PAOS: DEPARTMENT IS FORWARDING MRS. BROCK

BRIEFING MATERIAL CONCERNING US-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS.
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL, HOWEVER, FOR YOU TO ASSIST
HER WITH PRESS AND PREPARE DRAFT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
CONCERNING SUCH ISSUES AS NPW VISITS, INDIAN OCEAN, ETC.
IN GENERAL, WE ARE ADVISING MRS. BROCK TO RESPOND TO
SUCH QUESTIONS AS BRIEFLY AS POSSIBLE. NEW SUBJECT --
PAOS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO MRS. BROCK TWO OR
THREE PRESENTATION BOOKS IN EACH CITY FOR HER TO GIVE TO
HER HOSTS. MRS. BROCK WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE
IN DETERMINING WHO SHOULD GET PRESENTATION BOOKS. IF
AVAILABLE, BOOKS ON MID-WEST WOULD BE PREFERRED.

5. FOR SYDNEY: REQUEST YOU PASS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
AND ARRIVAL SCHEDULE TO ALLAN MOYES OF AUSTRALIAN-
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. ALSO REQUEST YOU MEET MRS. BROCK
ON ARRIVAL AND BRIEF AS DESIRED.
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